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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METAL STRUCTURE COMPATIBLE WITH
MRI IMAGING, AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SUCH A STRUCTURE

Examiner: T. J. Neal

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 17, 2007, for which a response is due on January 17, 2007. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one new sheet of drawings is attached following page 14 of this paper.